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**For Immediate Release**

## Master of Occupational Therapy Program at Governors State University reaccredited for seven years

University Park, September 9, 2004 - Governors State University announced today that its Master of Occupational Therapy program has been reaccredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) for seven years, giving the program the green light to continue through the 2010/2011 academic year.

ACOTE visited the university in June in what is known as an accreditation site visit. During the site visit, an ACOTE team examined all aspects of the program. They found several strengths.

Most important, the reaccreditation report reflects ACOTE's confidence in the MOT faculty and their integral contributions to what the accrediting agency deems an excellent program. "ACOTE recognized that the faculty is meeting the needs of the health care community by sending well-prepared OT's into the field," said MOT Department Chair Beth Cada.

The report also commends the faculty for their high-level of dedication to students. Further strengths, outlined in ACOTE's report to the university, include strong administrative support; effective collaboration with other university units, such as the University Library, Writing Center, and academic programs; and collaboration with fieldwork sites and the MOT Advisory Board.

GSU's MOT program at GSU began in 1996 and earned initial accreditation in 1998. Today it is the only MOT program in the region that offers part-time options for its students as well as new student admission each trimester.

The Master of Occupational Therapy's reaccreditation continues a strong series of accreditation successes by the university, including accreditations by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, the Council on Social Work Education, the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, and the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration.